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I. Organizational matters

A. Membership

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to the provisions of that resolution, in 2001 the Committee was composed of the following Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Benin, Chile, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Namibia, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and the United States of America.

B. Officers

2. The Committee held its organizational session for 2001 on 19 April and 22 June 2001 (434th and 435th meetings). At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee elected the following officers to serve in 2001:

Chairman:

Abdelmalek **Bouheddou** (Algeria)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Tina **Larvala** (Finland)
Audra **Plepyte** (Lithuania)
Durga P. **Bhattarai** (Nepal)

Rapporteur:

Guillermo **Kendall** (Argentina)

3. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of its Bureau in 2002.

C. Organization of work

4. At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee agreed to follow the guidelines adopted in 1994 and 1995 with regard to consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and to meet as required to review proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings during sessions of the General Assembly.

5. At its 435th meeting, on 22 June, the Committee, after reviewing the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 2002-2003, recommended the adoption of the draft calendar and agreed to bring its comments to the attention of the President of the Council.

6. The Committee convened its substantive session from 27 to 29 August 2001 (436th to 441st meetings).

7. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

D. Programme of work

8. At its organizational session for 2000, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 2001 at its organizational session for 2001. At its 434th meeting, on 19 April, the Committee adopted the proposed agenda (A/AC.172/2001/L.1). At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 2002 at the organizational session for 2002.

E. Participation of observers

9. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented as observers: Bahamas, Belgium, Botswana, India, Morocco, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Switzerland was also represented as an observer.

10. At its 440th meeting, on 29 August 2001, the Committee reconsidered the procedure regarding the participation of observers in its work adopted at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as set forth in paragraph 172 of the report of the Committee on Conferences for 1999.[1] In view of the valuable contribution of observers to the work of the Committee, subparagraph (c) of paragraph 172 was amended to read as follows:

> "(c) The observer would be allowed to make one statement on each item on the agenda of the Committee. In addition, the observer would be allowed an opportunity to make a follow-up comment subsequent to receipt of clarifications sought from the Secretariat. The length of

statements by the observer would be limited in accordance with the practices normally followed for the organization of special sessions of the General Assembly".

11. The Committee decided to keep the procedure on the participation of observers under review.

F. Work of the Committee during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, from 11 September to 23 December 2000

12. The Committee was seized of the request and took the action set out below.

Organ: Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Request: To convene five meetings of the Committee and its working group at the end of October 2000 prior to the meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee. The meetings were envisaged as the result of the issuance of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Panel.

Action taken: The Committee and its working group were added to the list of bodies recommended for authorization by the General Assembly to meet during the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

II. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar for 2001

13. The General Assembly, in its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000, approved the revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2001 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. The approved calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2001/2.

14. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should in future be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

15. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

16. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

17. The requests submitted in 2001 for changes of venue or additional sessions and the action taken by the Committee are shown below.

Organ: International Civil Service Commission

Request: To convene its fifty-third session from 11 to 29 June 2001 in Montreal rather than New York, upon the invitation of the International Civil Aviation Organization to host the session at its headquarters in Montreal. Section I, paragraph 4 (g), of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 provides that, if more than one session is required in any one year, the Commission may accept an invitation from one of its participating organizations to hold its other session at the headquarters of that organization. For 2001, the Commission had decided to hold a single joint session of three weeks in Montreal instead of two sessions of two weeks each, and a focus group meeting in New York from 29 January to 2 February 2001, in lieu of the formal spring session.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Request: To convene the second session of the Committee for five days in February 2001 in New York instead of Geneva, pursuant to a decision related to General Assembly resolution 55/214.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Request: To convene the tenth meeting of the Group of Experts in Geneva from 10 to 14 September rather than from 23 to 27 April 2001 in New York, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2001. The meetings of the Group of Experts are regularly convened in Geneva rather than New York for reasons of convenience and cost-effectiveness since most of the Group's members and observers are based in Geneva, thus enabling larger participation at a lower cost.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Request: To convene a resumed session of the Commission acting as preparatory committee on 30 April and 1 May and for one week, from 10 to 14 December 2001, to complete the work of its first session.

Action taken: Request of 30 April to 1 May approved.

Organ: Commission on the Status of Women

Request: To convene a resumed session of the Commission from 9 to 11 May 2001 in order to complete the work of its forty-fifth session on two major issues: (a) agreed conclusions on the theme "Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS", which was intended to assist the deliberations of the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth special session; and (b) the report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women and the proposed programme of work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women for the biennium 2002-2003.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Request: To convene the thirty-seventh session of the Board from 25 to 27 July 2001 in Geneva rather than New York in order to give members an opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Moreover, since the Board also serves as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva venue permits Board members to be in close contact with the staff of the Institute.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Meeting of Government Experts of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions

Request: To convene the fifth session of the Meeting of Government Experts from 30 July to 3 August 2001 in New York rather than Geneva because, while few landlocked developing countries have permanent missions in Geneva, they all have missions in New York. Therefore, the only way to ensure the effective participation of landlocked developing countries in the above meeting is to hold it in New York.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ:	The Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
Request:	To convene a third session of the Commission acting as preparatory committee in Geneva from 30 July to 10 August 2001 to continue the negotiations and drafting of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the Conference initiated at its second session.
Action taken:	Request approved.
Organ:	Committee on Information
Request:	To convene a resumed session of the Committee for three days, from 5 to 7 September 2001, because the Committee had requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a final report on the results of the pilot project on the development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations by August 2001, and had expressed its intention to take a final decision on the mandate and allocation of the necessary resources for the establishment of a permanent international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations during the main part of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The one-year pilot project began on 30 August 2000.
Action taken:	Request approved.

B. Adoption of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2002-2003

Introduction and overview

18. At its 437th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2002-2003 (A/AC.172/2001/CRP.2 and Add.1).

19. The Committee also heard an introduction on the matter by the representatives of the Secretariat and considered graphs showing the peak meeting periods at the New York, Geneva and Vienna duty stations for 2000 and 2001.

Discussion

20. Interest was expressed in seeing similar graphs for the regional commissions and it was requested that further information on simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations be provided in future reports.

Conclusions and recommendations

21. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly:**

(a) Adopt the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2002-2003, taking into account the observations of the Committee;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2002-2003 that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

22. **The Committee noted with satisfaction that, in drafting the 2002-2003 calendar of conferences, the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 54/248 and 55/222 concerning Orthodox Good Friday on 3 May 2002 and 25 April 2003.**

23. **The Committee recommended that, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, every effort should be made to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations and welcomed the efforts that were being made to promote more effective coordination with a view to achieving that objective.**

C. Improved utilization of conference-servicing resources and facilities

1. Meeting statistics of United Nations organs; limiting meeting duration

Introduction and overview

24. At its 436th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the report of the Secretary-General containing the meeting statistics of a core sample of bodies that had met in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi in 2000 (A/AC.172/2001/3). The data included the planning accuracy factor, the meeting ratio and utilization factor and indices for assessing compliance with the deadlines for the submission of pre-session documentation and availability of such documentation for bodies based in those locations.

25. The Committee also considered the note by the Secretariat (A/AC.172/2001/CRP.6) containing statistical information on and analysis of extended meetings and sessions and presenting proposals aimed at limiting meeting duration. In introducing the note, the representative of the Secretariat emphasized that the document was meant to initiate discussion on the subject with the aim of formulating guidelines to limit meeting duration.

Discussion

26. The view was expressed that the Secretariat should continue its efforts to sensitize the chairpersons of intergovernmental bodies about the need to utilize the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources consistently and to strive for 100 per cent utilization, if possible. The Secretariat should utilize the available performance data to improve the accuracy with which conference resources were allocated to various organs.

27. The view was also expressed that timely issuance of documentation could improve the utilization factor. Attention was drawn to document A/AC.172/1999/CRP.8, containing a note by the Secretariat, which stated that: (a) when all the documents were issued by the opening of the session, an organ was three times more likely to have a high utilization factor of conference services than to have one below the benchmark rating; and (b) additional costs were incurred by document-processing services if and when overtime and/or additional general temporary assistance were used to compress turnaround time to compensate for late submission.

28. Concern was expressed at the increase in the number of extended meetings and sessions. It was noted that this state of affairs placed an undue burden not only on the Bureau of the Committee and the Secretariat but also on Member States, particularly smaller ones. It was suggested that intergovernmental bodies would be less likely to have recourse to meeting beyond regular hours if they could be made aware of the financial consequences of doing so and that the Secretariat could inform the secretariats of such bodies in advance of the overtime costs involved.

Conclusions and recommendations

29. **The Committee again recommended that chairpersons institute time limits for the presentation of standard documents by the Secretariat.**

30. **The Committee noted with appreciation that the 2000 utilization factor (a) for the four United Nations offices overall had exceeded the benchmark of 80 per cent; (b) for Geneva had increased by 3 percentage points; (c) for Vienna had decreased 5 percentage points, but for Nairobi had increased 16 percentage points to 100 per cent.**

31. **The Committee noted, moreover, that 62 per cent of the bodies in the sample had utilized 80 per cent or more of their available conference-servicing resources, an increase of 3 percentage points over 1999.**

32. **The Committee also took note of the information provided in the note by the Secretariat on limiting meeting duration (A/AC.172/2001/CRP.6).**

33. **The Committee endorsed the guidelines contained in paragraph 10 of document A/AC.172/2001/CRP.6, as amended, and recommended them to the General Assembly for adoption as follows:**

(a) Meetings should be held during regular meeting hours, namely, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on working days;

(b) Meetings held beyond regular hours and especially past midnight should be highly

exceptional and limited to organs that have finite closing dates, such as special sessions, conferences and final preparatory meetings for such sessions and conferences, or to when postponing the item is not a viable option because of legislative mandates or other extraordinary imperatives. In these cases, requests to hold meetings beyond regular meeting hours should be formally decided upon by the States members of the body concerned within its allotted meeting time;

(c) Intergovernmental bodies should undertake the review of their meeting patterns and, in coordination with the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, adjust their meeting requests for subsequent sessions accordingly;

(d) Requests for the extension of sessions beyond the originally scheduled dates, resumed sessions and other inter-sessional departures would continue to be submitted to the Committee on Conferences and handled in accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/222 B and with past practice as agreed by the Committee (see A/AC.172/2001/CRP.5/Add.1, paras. 2-4).

2. Consultations with/letters to bodies concerning utilization of the conference services available to them

Introduction and overview

34. At its 436th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered an oral report by the Chairman on consultations with bodies concerning the utilization of the conference services available to them.

35. In keeping with section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 55/222, the Chairman of the Committee reported that he had sent letters to 13 intergovernmental bodies that had been identified as having utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, and had held consultations with them. Attention had been drawn to the ways that conference services could be used efficiently, such as eliminating avoidable cancellations of meetings; convening meetings in a timely manner, without a quorum if necessary; scheduling, to the extent possible, informal consultations with interpretation services; cancelling scheduled meetings in advance, particularly if no delegation expressed a wish to speak, and holding working group meetings in their place; if time remained at the end of a scheduled meeting, considering other items or holding informal consultations; considering releasing unused services for regional or other major groupings of Member States; and making efforts to improve the accuracy with which the number of fully serviced meetings was forecast.

36. A main factor in a low utilization rate was the time lost due to late starting and/or early ending of meetings. While starting on time could to a certain extent be influenced by the clearly stated intentions of the chairperson, early ending was more difficult to avoid. It had been noted that early ending might actually be indicative of efficiency in accomplishing the stated task. Possible alternatives had been discussed with the chairpersons, depending on the specific working methods and the nature of the mandates of the bodies concerned.

37. Some chairpersons had expressed concerns about the way in which the utilization factor was calculated, since it ignored the ultimate goal of the organs, which was to conduct their business successfully.

Discussion

38. The view was generally expressed that late starting could be avoided by an effort of education on the part of the chairperson.

39. With regard to the methodology of calculating the utilization factor, it was pointed out that unrelated reassignments were subtracted from the number of cancelled meetings and thus not counted as wastage by the body concerned. The aim should be to identify underutilizers that did not plan ahead sufficiently to enable conference facilities to be used.

40. The view was expressed that any change in the indices should be carefully considered in order not to encourage the increased use of informal consultations without interpretation, which often resulted in the exclusion of some delegations for language reasons.

41. It was recalled that using conference services flexibly was not always easy to reconcile with the mandate of the given body.

42. It was pointed out that some underutilizers had a long history, extending over many sessions, which

suggested that the problem was a matter of planning rather than chance.

Conclusions and recommendations

43. **The Committee noted with appreciation the oral report by the Chairman on the actions taken pursuant to the requests of the General Assembly set forth in section B, paragraphs 6 and 7, of its resolution 54/248 concerning the utilization of conference services, and requested the Chairman to continue to consult on its behalf with the chairpersons of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources over the past three sessions with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.**

44. **The Committee also noted the concerns expressed by chairpersons of intergovernmental bodies on the methodology used to calculate the utilization factor and looked forward to receiving a further analysis and review of the indices, including possible benchmark figures for the planning accuracy factor and the meeting ratio, among others, and a measurement of the degree to which unutilized services were reallocated.**

3. Improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Introduction and overview

45. The Division of Conference Services was established at Nairobi, effective 1 September 2000, as an organizational unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, operationally reporting to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services. A permanent interpretation service was created at Nairobi as of January 2001. Within the period under review, the Department, in cooperation with the United Nations Office at Nairobi, took a number of steps to strengthen the capacity and increase the utilization of the conference-servicing facilities at Nairobi. Subsequently, administrative instruction ST/AI/2001/6 was issued, amending administrative instruction ST/AI/342, entitled "Guidelines for the preparation of host government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243". It defined the responsibility of the Department for servicing meetings globally using the available conference-servicing resources of United Nations Headquarters and the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi in the most cost-effective manner.

46. At its 438th meeting, on 28 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences arranged a videoconference in which the Chief of Conference Services at Nairobi, the Chief of the Translation and Editorial Service and the Chief of the Interpretation and Meetings Section at Vienna, the Director of the Conference Services Division at Geneva and other relevant managers at the respective duty stations participated.

47. The Chief of Conference Services of the United Nations Office at Nairobi introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/133 and Corr.1). The report described the steps taken to establish a permanent interpretation service at Nairobi and projected the positive effect of the availability of such an important facility on the meetings activities of the Office to the end of the current biennium and beyond.

Discussion

48. Members of the Committee sought additional information as to how the creation of the permanent interpretation team at Nairobi had led to more productive intergovernmental consultations; what kinds of meetings were held without interpretation; the number of weeks per year during which the team would be assigned to meetings at Nairobi rather than at other duty stations; whether there was a perception that the conference facilities at Nairobi competed with those at Addis Ababa; the reasons for the persisting high vacancy rates in the English and Arabic booths at Nairobi; whether the overall allocation of interpreter posts was sufficient, given the expectations of increased demand; why a number of important meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) were scheduled to be held outside Nairobi in the second half of 2001; and whether consideration had been given to holding the next meeting of the UNEP Governing Council and Global Ministerial Environment Forum at Nairobi.

49. Replying to the questions raised, the Chief of Conference Services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi said that prior to the establishment of the permanent interpretation team, it had been difficult for

non-English-speaking missions in Nairobi to have full input into discussions of important documents prepared in English; since May 2001, multilingual interpretation had been provided to the Committee of Permanent Representatives at that duty station. Meetings held without interpretation were technical consultations without diplomatic representatives. The increase in the number of non-calendar meetings reflected a trend towards the utilization of interpretation services for meetings of subsidiary bodies of UNEP and other agencies based at Nairobi, as well as new reporting requirements. While priority in interpreter assignments would continue to be given to United Nations meetings at Nairobi, the sharing of interpreter resources with other duty stations was consistent with the recommendation contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Nairobi's new potential was not expected to be detrimental to the operation of the conference facilities at Addis Ababa, since the Economic Commission for Africa did not have its own interpretation team and there was no significant overlap in their clientele. The 100 per cent vacancy rates for English and Arabic interpreters stemmed from the fact that the competitive examinations in those languages had not yielded a sufficient roster of candidates to be considered for recruitment. Efforts were being made to convince some of the successful candidates to accept an initial appointment to Nairobi. The allocation of posts was adequate and it was hoped that a full team of 20 interpreters would be working in all six languages by the end of the year. The headquarters rule had been repeatedly brought to the attention of permanent representatives.

Conclusions and recommendations

50. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the conference-servicing facility of Nairobi was becoming organizationally, functionally and budgetarily an integral part of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

51. The Committee noted with appreciation: (a) the statement contained in the report of the Secretary-General that the number of multilingual meetings to be held in Nairobi and with the Nairobi team's participation elsewhere in 2001 and 2002 was increasing; and (b) the cost-saving effect of the establishment of the Nairobi interpretation service for the regular budget in terms of temporary assistance.

52. The Committee looked forward to receiving further information on the utilization of the conference facilities at Nairobi.

53. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request UNEP and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to comply with the headquarters rule and to hold all their meetings at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in order to increase further the utilization of the conference facilities at Nairobi.

4. (a) Improved coordination and utilization of conference services

Introduction and overview

54. At its 437th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered an oral report by the Chief of the Central Planning and Coordination Service, Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services of the United Nations Secretariat, on the improved coordination and utilization of conference services.

55. The second Secretariat-wide coordination meeting of conference services managers, held on 2 and 3 July 2001 at Geneva, had been attended by representatives of the four duty stations and the regional commissions, with the exception of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. The International Court of Justice had also participated as an observer. Discussions had centred on nine major areas of conference servicing:

(a) Assignment of responsibility for servicing meetings away from established headquarters;

(b) Lateral transfers of language staff;

(c) Coordination of technical advances;

(d) Development of performance measurement mechanisms;

(e) Drafting of operating guidelines;

(f) Financial reports;

(g) Improved coordination in the area of contractual translation;

(h) Common examination for written language functions;

(i) Language issues related to the United Nations web site.

56. With regard to meetings away from established headquarters, the responsibility for conference services coordination was assigned to the headquarters location of the substantive secretariat, pursuant to the agreement reflected in the relevant paragraph of the administrative instruction on the guidelines for the preparation of host government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243; that paragraph had been issued as administrative instruction ST/AI/2001/6. In 2002, services would be provided to six sessions being held away from established headquarters. Discussions had centred on broad policy aspects, such as coordinating clearance procedures for the headquarters agreements, establishing teams composed of staff from all locations, financial arrangements and inclusion of smaller duty stations. Trials of coordinated workload-sharing pointed to potential efficiency gains. For example, in 2001, a Vienna-based body meeting in New York had been provided with all of its in-session documentation via remote processing based at Vienna, which had reduced a potential bottleneck of documentation in New York.

57. With regard to the lateral transfers of language staff, the new human resources management system approved by the Fifth Committee in June 2001 would first be applied within the Department at the four duty stations and then gradually extended to other duty stations.

58. Enhanced coordination of technological advances was necessary in order to avoid duplication of development efforts and to make the most efficient use of limited resources. A working group had been set up to formulate the specific projects of the ongoing programme and elements of an information technology strategy for the Department. The established practice of designating a lead duty station as the focal point for information-sharing and coordination had been reiterated and elaborated upon to ensure the role to be played by smaller duty stations.

59. Senior managers of the Department had been reminded of the importance and urgency of developing performance measurement mechanisms and the drafting of operating guidelines. Smaller groupings of managers had exchanged ideas and experience.

60. A smaller working group had been established to develop guidelines for the preparation of financial reports and to analyse existing procedures for their clearance prior to submission to other units of the Secretariat.

61. Discussions on improved coordination in the area of contractual translation had focused on applying existing policies in order to achieve resource harmonization among duty stations and to share rosters of contractual translators.

62. Following presentations on the experience gained in the common examination for written language functions, the Executive Office at Headquarters would prepare an analysis for presentation to the Office of Human Resources Management. That action was especially necessary in order to address further the lack of functional mobility of language staff, to move staff to meet peak workload periods and to improve career prospects.

63. Lastly, the use of official languages on the United Nations web site was a sensitive issue, involving the equal treatment of all of them. The principle must be respected and efforts should be made to increase the content in all languages. While the Department's output on the web was available in all six languages, it would be affected by eventual decisions in that area, especially in terms of resources.

Discussion

64. Replying to questions concerning the common examination for written language functions, the Director of the Translation and Editorial Division said that expectations of its leading to improved career prospects and better utilization of language staff had not materialized. The common examination had attracted fewer candidates than the specialized examinations because the function of verbatim reporter essentially did not exist outside the United Nations. In addition, candidates who possessed the requisite skills to pass the translation portion of the examination had been unwilling to accept posts as verbatim reporters. Moreover, because peak periods tended to occur in all sections simultaneously, it had proved impractical to rotate staff among different language functions. Nevertheless, in order to take advantage of economies of scale it had been decided to hold a common examination over three days, leading to three separate rosters of translators, editors and verbatim reporters.

65. With regard to the assignment of responsibility for servicing meetings away from established headquarters, it was noted that net budgeting in 1998-1999 had improved the situation with regard to workload-sharing. It was to be hoped that there would be up-front reimbursement to duty stations suffering from resource constraints.

Conclusions and recommendations

66. **The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation of the oral report by the Secretariat on improved coordination of conference services.**

67. **The Committee welcomed the efforts and results of the Secretariat to coordinate conference services globally in accordance with the revised administrative instruction (ST/AI/2001/6) and encouraged further steps in that area.**

68. **The Committee requested that it be kept informed of the workload statistics and of the adequacy of financial resources at the various duty stations.**

69. **The Committee concluded that the Inter-Agency Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications should further promote cooperation between the United Nations and other international organizations on the use of conference services and should put forward concrete proposals that would make it possible to share translation, interpretation, editorial and printing services.**

70. **The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it study the possibility of strengthening the oversight and supervisory functions of the Committee on Conferences, inter alia, in order to increase the effectiveness of its work, and of strengthening its role as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly.**

(b) Utilization of the United Nations conference centres in Bangkok and Addis Ababa

Introduction and overview

71. At its 439th meeting, on 28 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the United Nations conference centres in Bangkok and Addis Ababa (A/56/293), which was introduced by a representative of the Secretariat.

72. The Committee learned that greater utilization of the two conference centres continued to be constrained by uncertainty about the appropriate use of the facilities, particularly as venues for private sector and commercial events; limited opportunities for rerouting meetings from the calendar of conferences; inadequate staffing structures for management of the centres; lack of funds for marketing and promotional activities; and regional instability. In the case of Bangkok, the conversion of a conference room to more flexible seating would make marketing easier.

73. Notwithstanding those constraints, efforts had been made to staff and manage the centres better and to attract more users, and utilization statistics over the two-year period from 1998 to 2000 had shown steady improvement.

74. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services had visited the centres and conducted in-depth discussions with their management on the coordination of conference services at the various duty stations and better utilization of their facilities.

Discussion

75. The view was expressed that the Secretariat's efforts to work with the regional commissions in Addis Ababa and Bangkok constituted an encouraging example of the value of sharing experience and expertise.

76. Clarification was received from the Secretariat that the conversion of the conference room in Bangkok, referred to in paragraph 72 above, was not foreseen during the next biennium.

Conclusions and recommendations

77. **The Committee noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General and the encouraging trend in the utilization of conference facilities at the two regional centres.**

78. **The Committee encouraged the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Africa to continue their efforts to improve further the utilization of their conference centres and to keep the Committee informed of developments.**

79. **The Committee encouraged the sharing of experience and expertise between conference services managers of the Secretariat and those of the regional commissions.**

5. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Introduction and overview

80. As requested by the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session of 2000, during the course of the year the Chairperson wrote to the chairpersons of intergovernmental bodies (as reported in A/56/299, annex I), bringing to their attention the need to anticipate requests for meetings of regional and other major groupings during their sessions so as to allow for adequate consultations.

81. At its 436th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/56/213 and Corr.1), which was introduced by a representative of the Secretariat. In accordance with established practice, such meetings were provided with interpretation services on an ad hoc basis from existing resources not used owing to the cancellation of meetings of calendar bodies.

Discussion

82. The importance of conference services to regional and other major groupings of Member States was stressed. It was noted that there was a linkage between all aspects of providing conference services: any deficiency or improvement in one area inevitably affected every other area.

83. Satisfaction was expressed at the improvement in the provision of interpretation services over the past three years and the continued relevance of the Committee's recommendations in its previous report[2] was noted.

Conclusions and recommendations

84. The Committee noted with appreciation that the percentage of requests met for meetings with interpretation in New York by regional and other major groupings of Member States had risen steadily, from 84 per cent during the period 1999-2000 to 90 per cent for the period from July 2000 to June 2001 and that, overall, for all four duty stations (New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi), 92 per cent of requests for interpretation had been met.

85. The Committee recommended that duty stations continue to keep statistics of requests for servicing of meetings.

86. The Committee concluded that a key factor in providing interpretation services to regional and other major groupings of Member States was a sustained effort by intergovernmental organs, in cooperation with the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, to predict the availability of such services. Flexibility in scheduling meetings by regional and other major groupings of Member States could also be instrumental in that regard.

87. The Committee again urged intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make provision for such meetings in their programmes of work and to notify the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services well in advance of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources might, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States.

D. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

88. At its 439th meeting, on 28 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered a note by the Secretariat (A/AC.172/2001/CRP.3) to which were annexed requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, in which the Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly would be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, that the bodies concerned had held during the fifty-fifth session of the

Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

89. **The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-sixth session, on the understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an as-available basis, from within existing resources, in such a way that the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees would not be impeded:**

(a) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(b) Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

(c) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(d) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund;

(f) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

III. Documentation- and publication-related matters

A. Availability of documentation

Introduction and overview

90. In its resolution 55/222, the General Assembly invited intergovernmental bodies, during their organizational sessions or other appropriate periods before the commencement of their substantive work, to review with author departments the question of the availability of documentation for the proper functioning of those bodies and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-sixth session through the Committee on Conferences.

91. At its 437th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered an interim report of the Secretary-General (A/56/299) containing a summary of replies received by 10 August 2001 from the chairpersons of intergovernmental bodies to a letter from the Chairman of the Committee, who had invited them to respond to the Assembly's request. The Committee also heard an introduction by a representative of the Secretariat.

Discussion

92. At its substantive session of 2000, the Committee had endorsed the proposals of the Secretariat for improving the availability of documentation. Reference was made in that connection to the example set by various bodies in monitoring the preparation of their pre-session documentation.

Conclusions and recommendations

93. **The Committee took note of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/299) and looked forward to obtaining a comprehensive review of the availability of such documentation after the biennial cycle of conferences and meetings had ended and additional replies had been received from the bodies concerned.**

94. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to provide a detailed report on the existing capacity in the Secretariat for efficient and effective delivery of conference services and ways and means of enhancing the timely availability of documentation to Member States.**

B. Submission of documentation

Introduction and overview

95. At its 437th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the report of the Secretary-General on the submission of documentation consistent with the six-week rule (A/56/300). The Committee also heard an introduction by a representative of the Secretariat who indicated that the report addressed upstream issues in the preparation of documentation and that it was preliminary.

Discussion

96. Some delegations welcomed the Secretariat's accountability and responsibility measures and suggested actions such as those described in the report, while others had reservations, especially concerning paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report.

97. It was agreed that, since late issuance of documentation was a long-standing and complex problem, there were no simple solutions.

98. The view was expressed that the low rate of compliance with the six-week rule was due mainly to late submission of documentation by author departments rather than delays in processing. It was noted that manuscripts were often not in conformity with the rules concerning formatting, number of pages and footnotes. The Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services should be encouraged to improve coordination with submitting departments in order to identify bottlenecks and other problems.

99. It was generally agreed that the increase in the number of meetings and conferences of intergovernmental bodies had given rise to a larger volume of documentation and that comparative statistics would be useful to reflect the trends developed over the years.

Conclusions and recommendations

100. **The Committee, while noting the measures taken by the Secretariat to identify responsibility and establish accountability in the preparation and submission of documentation consistent with the six-week rule, recommended to the General Assembly that it invite the Secretary-General to develop an effective accountability and responsibility system within the Secretariat in order to ensure timely submission of documents for processing.**

101. **The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue to make concerted efforts to remedy the situation of late issuance of documentation. In that connection, the Committee drew attention to the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/300) and encouraged the Secretariat to proceed with a more extensive analysis of the reasons for the late issuance of documentation and of the resulting additional costs, using, inter alia, comparative statistics.**

IV. Translation- and interpretation-related matters

A. Use of remote interpretation

Introduction and overview

102. At its 437th meeting, on 27 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the second experiment in remote interpretation conducted by the United Nations (A/56/188). In addition, a representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on the matter.

103. The representative of the Secretariat indicated that after the second experiment, it could be concluded that (a) that the cost-effectiveness of remote interpretation must be ascertained on a case-by-case basis; (b) efforts to find technological solutions that could bring the physical environment of remote interpretation as close as possible to normal on-site conditions had not been successful; (c) maintaining an acceptable level of quality of service in conditions of remote interpretation required additional physical and psychological effort; and (d) in those conditions, typical individual workloads expected from interpreters during on-site work needed to be reduced if remote interpretation was to be used.

Discussion

104. The view was expressed that the report of the Secretary-General on the second experiment in remote interpretation conducted by the United Nations should be read in conjunction with the report issued in 1999 on the first experiment (A/54/176). It was thus evident that the conditions under which remote interpretation could be done were in a state of flux. Although improvements had been made in the technical means used, they were still not sufficient to ensure a completely favourable environment. The two experiments had confirmed that remote interpretation was technically feasible, but only at the cost of increased stress and fatigue among interpreters. The experiments also showed that current conditions did not make it possible to comply with the quality requirements for remote interpretation specified by the General Assembly in its resolutions 54/248 and 55/222.

105. The number of members of delegations who had responded to the survey on the quality of the remote interpretation services during the second experiment

had been extremely low, providing a very limited picture of the views of Member States. Efforts should be made to arrive at a much wider cross-section of opinions in the future. It was also essential to pursue research on the cost-effectiveness of remote interpretation, including more variables in addition to communications costs and daily subsistence allowances.

106. Further experiments should be conducted if there was a noticeable change in the basic parameters that determined the effectiveness of remote interpretation, such as improvements in the quality of video technology so as to reduce stress and fatigue among interpreters and the cost of communications. In the meantime, the approach described in paragraph 63 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/188) provided a good basis for continued work in the field of remote interpretation.

Conclusions and recommendations

107. **The Committee noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/188) and reiterated the principles that should be followed when considering future work in the field, namely, those contained in General Assembly resolution 55/222.**

108. **The Committee expressed support for the intention of the Secretariat, as spelled out in paragraph 63 of the report, to foster the accumulation of experience among interpreters working on-site at meetings that had some of the characteristics of remote meetings, namely, a videoconference component, so as to facilitate the process of adaptation to a new working environment. It also requested the Secretariat to assess future advances in the videoconferencing and communications areas to determine whether they could offer solutions to the outstanding technical problems of remote interpretation. It noted that the Secretariat did not currently foresee conducting further experiments.**

109. **The Committee requested that a report on developments in those areas, as well as any activities in the field of remote interpretation carried out by other international organizations, be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session through the Committee on Conferences.**

B. Language services recruitment-related issues

Introduction and overview

110. At its 437th and 438th meetings, on 27 and 28 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the report of the Secretary-General on excessive vacancy rates in language services at some duty stations and issues relating to the recruitment of language staff (A/56/277), which had been prepared in response to requests made by the General Assembly in section IV, paragraphs 11 and 12, of its resolution 55/222.

111. The Committee was reminded that the statistical information in the tables reflected the situation as at 30 June 2001. Percentages of vacancies could change dramatically over a short period at duty stations where small numbers of posts were involved.

112. The Committee also heard an update concerning information technology projects, on which a report would be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

Discussion

113. The report was commended for underscoring the importance of coordination among duty stations in overcoming the problem of excessive vacancies. Achieving a balance between cost-efficiency and equal quality of services was a complex staffing problem. The cost-effectiveness of temporary assistance varied greatly for duty stations. Whereas the Geneva duty station, for example, could draw on a large pool of local skills, smaller duty stations generally had to hire non-local freelances at higher cost, hence the greater urgency of filling vacant regular posts at such duty stations.

114. The view was expressed that the ceiling on annual United Nations earnings for United Nations retirees should be raised because it limited access to a valuable, highly skilled resource, which was part of a small pool of highly qualified freelancers. When that pool had been fully tapped, the quality of services could suffer.

115. Concern was expressed that rates of self-revision exceeded recommended levels. Translation quality became a problem when there was a lack of revision capacity. It was pointed out, however, that self-revision

did not necessarily result in a loss of quality when there was a high proportion of experienced translators at a duty station.

116. Support was expressed for the training initiative proposed in the report and for increased cooperation between the Organization and universities and other institutions offering language training.

117. The view was expressed that it would be hard to resolve recruitment problems without a radical change in approach to open up what had become a closed system. What was needed was a system of selection and rotation of staff that regularly brought in interpreters and translators conversant with contemporary language. The recommendations in the report were sound as far as they went, but the Committee should closely monitor developments in the area of recruitment.

118. The problem of high or excessive vacancy rates in the language services could only be overcome by a package of incentives. The view was expressed that mobility was the most effective approach to addressing vacancies in language services and welcomed the streamlined procedures for lateral transfers of language staff as a step in that direction. The view was also expressed that the need for parity of treatment of language and non-language staff limited the possible effectiveness of a system of incentives in the absence of a Secretariat-wide comprehensive scheme for encouraging and rewarding mobility between duty stations. The view was further expressed that the specific requirements of language services at duty stations with chronically high vacancy rates should be duly taken into consideration in the further development of criteria for mobility and of mechanisms to provide adequate incentives for mobility between duty stations, as requested by the General Assembly in section V of its resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001 on human resources management.

Conclusions and recommendations

119. **The Committee noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/277).**

120. **The Committee welcomed the decrease, since the last reporting date, of the overall vacancy rate for language services, and the significant improvement recorded at all duty stations with a history of chronically high vacancy rates.**

121. **The Committee nevertheless remained concerned about the persistence of excessive vacancy rates, particularly for some languages or language functions, at most duty stations with small or medium-sized language services.**

122. **The Committee recognized that the persistence of excessive vacancy rates at some duty stations reflected mostly the insufficient mobility of language staff, while the still fairly high overall vacancy rate for language services was attributable to recruitment problems, particularly for specific languages and/or language combinations.**

123. **While commending the determined efforts made by the Secretariat to fill vacancies in the newly established Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the Committee expressed concern about the lack of success, so far, in filling vacant interpreter posts for some languages. The Committee recommended that, as indicated in paragraph 9 of the report, top priority be given to filling such posts, as well as vacant interpreter posts at the United Nations Office at Vienna, in the recruitment of candidates successful in the 2001 competitive examinations for Arabic and English interpreters, and that the United Nations Office at Nairobi and United Nations Office at Vienna also be given priority in the recruitment of candidates successful in the competitive examinations for French and Spanish interpreters to be held in January 2002.**

124. **The Committee recommended that the Secretariat continue its practise, which had produced encouraging results, of closely monitoring the vacancy situation at duty stations with chronic vacancy problems and of approaching such problems in a proactive fashion.**

125. **On recruitment issues, the Committee expressed concern about the low yield of some competitive language examinations, particularly of examinations for interpreters with specific language combinations, and about the fact that candidates successful in such examinations often repeatedly refused offers of employment made by the Organization.**

126. **The Committee recommended that the Secretariat pursue its efforts to target the advertising of competitive language examinations more effectively by focusing on language schools,**

other educational institutions and professional associations.

127. **In view of the very high success rates achieved in the past through the in-house training programme for interpreters, as described in paragraph 31 of the report, the Committee also recommended that the programme be reinstated for an initial period of one year, subject to the submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Committee on Conferences, of information on the results of the training activities undertaken, the continuing need for the programme and related financial arrangements.**

128. **The Committee welcomed the inter-agency initiative to address training issues at their source through cooperation between the United Nations and other international organizations, on the one hand, and language schools and other educational institutions, on the other. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed on progress achieved through that initiative.**

129. **The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it initiate a comprehensive review of the norms and standards of productivity in the language services in the light of ongoing technological innovations in their work.**

V. Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services

Introduction and overview

130. At its 440th meeting, on 29 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences considered the programme narrative on General Assembly affairs and conference services of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (sect. 2)) and heard an introduction by the Secretariat on the matter.

131. Activities programmed under the relevant section of the budget fell under programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised (A/55/6/Rev.1). The Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services was responsible for implementing the activities programmed in the context of programme 6 of the medium-term plan and for attaining its objectives.

132. The demand for services in the biennium 2000-2001 had been higher than originally anticipated because of, inter alia, a greater than average number of meetings of intergovernmental and expert organs and the extension of the sessions of several bodies beyond their scheduled closing dates. Consequently, the overall level of resources for the biennium 2002-2003 of $423,865,400 reflected a net increase of $8,488,900, or 2 per cent, as compared with the revised appropriation for the biennium 2000-2001.

133. The regular budget resources would be supplemented by extrabudgetary resources of $21,461,100, which would be derived largely from reimbursement income to be received in payment for services provided to extrabudgetary activities, funds and programmes, as well as from contributions to specific trust funds established to fund certain activities in the conference-servicing area.

134. The Department intended to continue implementing cost-saving measures, including improved control of resources budgeted for temporary assistance for meetings, increased capacity utilization, the introduction of computer-assisted working methods and the application of new technologies, with a view to enhancing conference services and increasing their efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Discussion

135. The view was expressed that it was useful to examine the section of the proposed programme budget relating to conference services in the context of the other agenda items considered by the Committee and its conclusions and recommendations pertaining thereto. It was noted that, in the view of the Secretariat, the level of funding requested was the minimum needed to maintain high-quality conference services in a time of increasing demands on the Organization.

136. The view was also expressed that the proposed programme budget section failed to justify all performance indicators in the context of the requested funding.

137. The view was further expressed that resource constraints were evident in such areas as the distribution of documentation in electronic format in all six official languages and in the lack of a sufficient number of posts, which represented an increased workload for translators and interpreters.

138. The view was expressed that the sharing of workloads among duty stations, comparisons of best practices and consolidation within the Department, as well as greater efficiency in the utilization of conference services by Member States, might alleviate the difficulties.

139. The view was also expressed that, during its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, the General Assembly would need information on distribution of temporary assistance among the six official language services.

Conclusions and recommendations

140. **The Committee noted the programme narrative on General Assembly affairs and conference services of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**

141. **The Committee noted with appreciation the consolidation under section 2, of the resources related to conference services of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.**

142. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly give careful consideration to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for conference services, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee concerning the relevant items on its agenda.**

143. **The Committee expressed support for the recommendation made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 71 of its report (A/56/16).**

144. **The Committee recommended that, in future budget submissions under the section entitled "General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services", publishing be separated from interpretation and presented as part of translation and editing. That was important given the need to combine similar services in a given subprogramme.**

VI. Information technology

A. Policy issues regarding the translation of non-parliamentary and public information material into all official languages

Introduction and overview

145. At its 439th meeting, on 28 August 2001, the Committee on Conferences heard a presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Information on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of the United Nations web site and a report by the Secretary-General on the subject (A/AC.198/2001/8) was made available to the members of the Committee.

Discussion

146. A number of questions were raised by members of the Committee. The view was expressed that the state of affairs with regard to the development of a multilingual United Nations web site contradicted de facto the principle of equal treatment of all United Nations languages. Some delegations drew attention to the statement by the Secretary-General in paragraph 21 of his report, regarding significant expenditures, which indicated that the achievement of full parity among the official languages would require additional resources.

147. The representative of the Department of Public Information said that, with regard to the building of modular parity on the web site among the six official languages, the Department was following the policy set out in draft resolution B, adopted by the Committee on Information at its twenty-third session and submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session (see A/56/21, chap. V). The draft resolution stressed the impact on the multilingual nature of the United Nations of integrating the optical disk system with the United Nations web site. It also requested the Working Group on Internet Matters to include in the Internet Publishing Guidelines specific recommendations towards the goal of making all documentation on the web sites available in all six official languages.

148. The view was expressed that the General Assembly should encourage the Secretary-General to develop, as a matter of priority, new proposals for consideration by the relevant United Nations bodies, as envisaged in Assembly resolution 55/136 B.

Conclusions and recommendations

149. **The Committee expressed serious concern about the growing disparities that existed on the United Nations web site between English and the other official languages.**

150. **The Committee requested the Secretariat to include Nairobi and Vienna together with New York and Geneva on the web site entitled "About the United Nations".**

B. Re-engineering of the optical disk system

Introduction and overview

151. At its 439th meeting, on 28 August 2001, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the re-engineering of the optical disk system (A/56/120) and heard an introduction with updated information concerning the matter.

152. The optical disk system (ODS) was developed in 1991 and its production operations began in 1992. Since then, technological changes had made the current system obsolete, expensive to maintain and inflexible for growth.

153. In the new ODS (currently being called the Official Document System), Windows 2000 and Lotus Notes were used with magnetic media instead of optical disks. Magnetic disks were fast, reliable and inexpensive even for the large amounts of storage space required by the system. The new system was to be delivered in two phases. The first phase, nearly completed, was a one-to-one migration of the system to the new platform; the second would provide for non-Roman language support functions, allowing users to access it and search the documents using any of the six official languages of the United Nations. Phase 2 production operations were expected to start in January 2002.

154. The implications of a purely web-based system were sweeping. Geographical distance would be irrelevant. Although staff at duty stations would be connected via the Intranet, for outside users, the direct Integrated Service Digital Network connections to ODS would no longer be necessary, since anyone with an Internet connection could potentially have access to it.

155. Currently, ODS was provided free of charge to staff members and Member States and was available to others for a fee. Once it was well-established and tested, the new ODS would have as much capacity as the United Nations web site. Effective immediately, the number of users Governments might register was being increased from 10 to 20.

Discussion

156. The view was expressed that the update provided by the Secretariat was extremely valuable and that the information should be published in an addendum to the report of the Secretary-General. Support was voiced for an increase in the system access quota and it was suggested that all permanent missions be informed of the change.

157. Replying to the questions raised by the Committee, the representative of the Secretariat stated that it was not clear at what point the new ODS would be made available to the public without limitations. The impact of its usage was being monitored and restrictions might be relaxed slowly if it were felt that the system could withstand an even larger number of users. Phase 2 parallel operation would begin in December 2001; by January 2002, it should be possible to operate ODS in any one of the six official languages, thanks to Lotus Notes, which had language support for non-Roman languages. The Intranet was by definition internal; hence, there were no plans to make it available to permanent missions. Nevertheless, an "Extranet" was being developed that would allow information to be shared among all United Nations agencies. The Extranet could be accessed by the permanent missions in the future. It was noted that the content of the new ODS was identical to that of the old one.

158. The view was expressed that the General Assembly should consider ending fees for current users on 31 December 2001.

Conclusions and recommendations

159. **The Committee took note of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/120) and welcomed the efforts that were being made to bring the optical disk system up to date. It also commended the results of those efforts and the introduction of the new system.**

160. **The Committee encouraged the Secretary-General to continue those efforts and requested that a report on the progress achieved, as well as on the impact of re-engineering on access to the Official Document System at all duty stations, be issued as an addendum to the report of the Secretary-General for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/54/32).

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/55/32), paras. 42-46.

Annex

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, for 2002 and 2003

The following abbreviations are used in the present annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization

UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records
A	Arabic
C	Chinese
E	English
F	French
R	Russian
S	Spanish

A. Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2002

(as at July 2001)

Organ		*Date (2002)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	4 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	7-25 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
3.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	8 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
4.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, European region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/36]	14-18 January	Vienna	55 G	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session every three years
5.	Preparatory Committee for the international conference on financing for development, final preparatory meeting [General Assembly resolution 55/213]	14-25 January	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
6.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 2001 session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/297]	14-25 January	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
7.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	14 January-1 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
8.	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, nineteenth meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)]	17 January	New York	155 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
9.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	21-25 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
10.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	21-25 January	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
11.	Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/265]	21 January-1 February	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
12.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	21 January-29 March	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year

Organ		Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
13.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	22-25 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
14.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	28 January-1 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
15.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	28 January-8 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
16.	Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, second session [General Assembly resolution 55/199]	28 January-8 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
17.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	29 January-1 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
18.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	30 January-1 February	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
19.	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January/February (1 day)	New York	36 G/ 36 G/ 36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
20.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January/February	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
21.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January/February	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
22.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	4-8 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
23.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 51/68]	4-8 February	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
24.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	4-8 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
25.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	4-8 February	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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26.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	4-8 February	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
27.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Structural Adjustment [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/260]	4-15 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
28.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	5 February-28 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
29.	Executive Board of WFP, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	11-15 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
30.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	11 February-8 March	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
31.	Commission for Social Development, fortieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	12-21 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
32.	UNEP, special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum [General Assembly resolution 53/242]	13-15 February	Nairobi or to be determined	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
33.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	18-19 February	Accra	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
34.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	18-22 February	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
35.	Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on the right to development [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/247]	18-22 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
36.	Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, second session [General Assembly resolution 54/262]	25 February-1 March	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
37.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	25 February-8 March	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
38.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	February/March (2 weeks)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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39. Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Properties [General Assembly resolution 55/150]	February/March (2 weeks)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
40. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	February/March (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
41. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	February/March	New York	5 G	-	-	-	One session per year
42. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
43. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	4-8 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
44. Commission on the Status of Women, forty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]	4-15 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
45. United Nations Forum on Forests, second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/292]	4-15 March	San Jose, Costa Rica	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
46. General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	4-28 March	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
47. Statistical Commission, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolut ons 8 (I), 8 (II), 1566 (L) and 1999/8]	5-8 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
48. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	11-15 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
49. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	11-15 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
50. Group of Governmental Experts to prepare a United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education, third session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 E]	11-15 March	Geneva	30 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
51. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	11-22 March (5 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
52. Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
53. International Conference on Financing for Development [General Assembly resolutions 55/213 and 55/245]	18-22 March	Monterrey, Mexico	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
54. Human Rights Committee, seventy-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	18 March-5 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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55. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	18 March-26 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
56. Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, third session [General Assembly resolution 55/199]	25 March-5 April	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
57. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	27-29 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
58. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
59. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-third session	March (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
60. ESCAP, fifty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	March/April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
61. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	March/April (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
62. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
63. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	March/April	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
64. Meeting of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, particularly in Africa [General Assembly resolution 55/204]	March/April	Bonn	175 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
65. UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, seventy-eighth meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	March/April	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
66. Commission on Population and Development, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	1-5 April	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
67. Panel of Governmental Experts on Missiles in All Their Aspects, second session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 A]	1-5 April	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
68. Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	2-5 April	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	

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69.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, forty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	2-12 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[d]	One session per year
70.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	8-9 April	Rome (FAO Headquarters)	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
71.	Committee for Development Policy, fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	8-12 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
72.	Second World Assembly on Ageing [General Assembly resolution 55/58]	8-12 April	Madrid	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
73.	ICSC, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	8-26 April	New York or to be determined	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
74.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	15-19 April and 13-24 May	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
75.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	15-19 April or 2 May	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
76.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transport Law, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	15-26 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
77.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, eleventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	16-25 April	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
78.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	16-25 April (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
79.	Sixteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	22-26 April	New York	30 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
80.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	22-26 April	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
81.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	22 April-10 May	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
82.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	29-30 April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
83.	ECE, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	29 April-2 May	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year

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84. Committee on Information, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	29 April-10 May	New York	97 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
85. Committee against Torture, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	29 April-17 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
86. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	April (1 week)	Geneva	28 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
87. Special high-level meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April (1 day)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
88. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April/May (3 weeks)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
89. Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, first session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 D]	April/May (2 weeks)	New York	187 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
90. Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolution 54/33]	6-10 May	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
91. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	6-10 May	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
92. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	6-17 May	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
93. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-fourth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	6-17 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
94. ECLAC, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) and decision 1985/188 and ECLAC resolution 465 (XX)]	6-10 May	Brazil	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
95. General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	6-31 May	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
96. International Law Commission, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	6 May-7 June and 8 July- 9 August	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
97. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	7 May-28 June	New York and other UN duty stations	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
98. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	13-14 May	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year

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99. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	13-17 May	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
100. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/263]	13-17 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
101. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	13-17 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
102. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	13-17 May	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
103. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	13-17 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
104. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	13-24 May	New York	131 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
105. Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	13 May-28 June	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
106. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests, first session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	20-24 May	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
107. Executive Board of WFP, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	20-24 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
108. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	20-31 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
109. Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	20 May-7 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
110. Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Ministerial level, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 55/199]	27 May-7 June	Bali	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
111. Regional seminar to review the situation in Non-Self Governing Territories under the Second Decade on the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 55/147]	May (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year

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112. Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
113. UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	3-7 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
114. UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 55/443]	3-14 June	Bonn	180 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
115. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	3-21 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
116. Committee on Contributions, sixty-second session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	3-21 June	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
117. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	5-14 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV[4]	One session per year
118. Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	10-14 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
119. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	10-28 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
120. Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-second session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	10 June-5 July	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
121. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	11-14 June	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
122. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	12-14 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
123. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	17-28 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
124. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	24-28 June	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year

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125. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 51/68]	24-28 June	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
126. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	24-28 June and 26-30 August	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
127. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	24 June-26 July	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[c]	Two sessions per year
128. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	26-28 June	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
129. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26-28 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
130. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
131. Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	June (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
132. Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	June (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
133. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-fourth session	June (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
134. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
135. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
136. UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, seventy-ninth meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
137. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	1-5 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year

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138. UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	1-5 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
139. Panel of Governmental Experts on Missiles in All Their Aspects, third session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 A]	1-12 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
140. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	1-26 July	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
141. Human Rights Committee, seventy-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	8-26 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
142. ICSC, fifty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	8-27 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
143. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	9- 10 July	Rome (FAO Headquarters)	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
144. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	10-12 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
145. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 248 (III) and 46/200]	10-19 July	Rome (FAO Headquarters)	33 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session every two years
146. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	10-19 July (1 meeting)	Rome (FAO Headquarters)	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One meeting in conjunction with the Pension Board session
147. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	22-26 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
148. Group of Governmental Experts to prepare a United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 E]	29 July-2 August	New York	30 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
149. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	29 July-16 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
150. Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	29 July-13 September	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
151. International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	July (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
152. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	July (3-4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
153. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/65]	July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
154. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	July/August	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
155. Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-second session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	19-30 August	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
156. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	19-30 August	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
157. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	26 August and 6 September	Berlin	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
158. Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/9]	27 August-5 September	Berlin	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every five years
159. Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	29 August	New York	163 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
160. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
161. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	August (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
162. World Summit on Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution 55/199]	2-11 September (proposed)	Johannesburg	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	*Date (2002)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
163. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 September-20 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
164. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	9-13 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
165. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	9-13 September	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
166. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Privately-Financed Infrastructure Projects, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	9-13 September	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
167. General Assembly, fifty-seventh session [Charter]	10 September-December	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[f]	
168. UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	16-20 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
169. UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	16-20 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
170. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transportation Law, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	16-20 September	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
171. Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	16 September-4 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
172. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	23-24 September	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
173. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	23-27 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
174. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	30 September-4 October	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
175. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-fifth session	September (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
176. Twenty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	September (1 day)	New York	145 G	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
177. UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
178. Fourth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction [article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention]	September	Geneva	83 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
179. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/ October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
180. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	September/ October	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
181. UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eightieth meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/ October	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
182. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	7-11 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
183. Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	7-11 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
184. UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	7-18 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
185. Human Rights Committee, seventy-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	14 October-1 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
186. Executive Board of WFP, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	21-25 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
187. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	28 October-1 November	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	*Date (2002)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
188. UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, eighth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly decision 55/443]	28 October-8 November	Bonn	180 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
189. International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-fifth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	30 October-15 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
190. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-third session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	57 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
191. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[c]	Two sessions per year
192. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	October/November (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
193. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	October/November (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
194. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/November (2-3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
195. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	4-8 November	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
196. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	11-15 November	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
197. Committee against Torture, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	11-22 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
198. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	11-29 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
199. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	25-26 November	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
200. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	25-29 November	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
201. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/263]	25 November-6 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
202. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
203. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	November (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
204. Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
205. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
206. UNDP, Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/ December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
207. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	November/ December	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
208. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	2-6 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
209. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	2-10 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
210. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests, second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	9-13 December	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
211. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development, third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 and decision 1999/276]	9-20 December	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
212. United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	11 December	To be determined	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
213. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	16-20 December	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
214. UNU, Council, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
215. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-sixth session	December (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
216. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	December (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
217. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
218. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75]	December (1 meeting)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
219. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/65]	December	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
220. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
221. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
222. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
223. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
224. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
225. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
226. ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Geneva	55 G	To be determined	T	-	
227. Trusteeship Council (and drafting Committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV[c]	As required
228. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
229. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
230. Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
231. Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
232. Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
233. Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
234. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
235. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
236. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
237. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
238. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
239. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
240. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
241. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
242. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
243. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
244. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
245. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
246. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
247. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
248. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
249. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
250. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
251. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
252. Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group to elaborate a draft legally binding instrument for the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
253. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
254. Meeting between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions [General Assembly resolutions 37/4 and 50/17]	To be determined (3 days)	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
255. Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
256. General Assembly, Fourth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
257. Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/24]	To be determined	New York	54 G	-	T	-	
258. Joint meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/28]	To be determined	New York	79 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
259. Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development [General Assembly resolution 46/151]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T	-	
260. Open-ended ad hoc working group on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [General Assembly resolution 54/234]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
261. Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	To be determined	Geneva	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
262. UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eighty-first (extraordinary) meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	To be determined	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
263. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
264. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	

Organ	Date (2002)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
265. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
266. General Meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the Caribbean Community [General Assembly resolution 55/17]	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	-	T	SR	One session every two years

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[b] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[c] For plenary meetings only.

[d] The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/45, noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/56, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its forty-first session, had reviewed further its requirements for unedited verbatim transcripts and agreed to continue the use of those transcripts.

[e] When holding oral hearings.

[f] It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary and First Committee meetings only.

B. List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session

Organ	*Dates (2002)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]		*Periodicity*
1. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [General Assembly resolution 3349 (XXIX)]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
2. Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 2656 (XXV)]	To be determined	New York	9 G	I (EF)	T	-
3. Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council [General Assembly resolution 48/26]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
4. Informal Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Peace and/or its sub-groups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
5. High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
6. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII)]	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I (AEF)	T	PV[b]
7. Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court [General Assembly resolution 54/105]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
8. Ad hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolution 54/47]	To be determined	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR

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[b] When holding oral hearings.

C. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2003

(as at July 2001)

Organ		*Date (2003)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	3 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	6-24 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
3.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	7 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
4.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	13-17 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
5.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	13-17 January	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
6.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	13-31 January	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
7.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	20-24 January	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
8.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	20-29 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
9.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	20 January-28 March	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
10.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	27-31 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
11.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	29 January-1 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
12.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	January (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
13.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January (1 day)	New York	36 G/36 G/36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ		*Date (2003)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
14.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	January	New York	5 G	-	-	-	One session per year
15.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January/February (3-4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
16.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January/February (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
17.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January/February	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
18.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	3-7 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
19.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 51/68]	3-7 February	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
20.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	3-7 February	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
21.	UNEP, Governing Council, twenty-second session/Global Ministerial Environment Forum [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	3-7 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
22.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	4 February-28 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
23.	Commission for Social Development, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	12-21 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
24.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	17-21 February	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
25.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	February (2 weeks)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
26.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	February (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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27.	International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-sixth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	February (1 week)	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
28.	WFP, Executive Board, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	February (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
29.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
30.	Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
31.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	February/March (3-4 weeks)	New York	110 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
32.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	February/March (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
33.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
34.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]	3-14 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
35.	Statistical Commission, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/8]	4-7 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
36.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	10-14 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
37.	Human Rights Committee, seventy-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	17 March-4 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
38.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	31 March-4 April	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
39.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
40.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	March (8 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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41.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Privately-Financed Infrastructure Projects, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	March (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
42.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transport Law, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	March (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
43.	Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 55/33 U]	March (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
44.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-seventh session	March (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
45.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	March (2 days)	To be determined	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
46.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	March	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
47.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
48.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
49.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	March/April (6 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
50.	ESCAP, fifty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	March/April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
51.	INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	March/April (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
52.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	March/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
53.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
54.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eighty-second meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	March/April	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
55.	Meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa [General Assembly resolution 55/204]	March/April	Bonn	175 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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56.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime [General Assembly resolution 55/25][d]	First quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
57.	Committee for Development Policy, fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	7-11 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
58.	ICSC, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	14-24 April	New York or To be determined	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
59.	Committee on Information, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	28 April-9 May	New York	97 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
60.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	29-30 April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
61.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	April (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[e]	One session per year
62.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	April (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
63.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, forty-first session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	April (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
64.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	April (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
65.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	April (1 week)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
66.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	April (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
67.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	April	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	
68.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April/May (3 weeks)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
69.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	April/May (3 weeks)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
70.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
71.	Commission on Sustainable Development, eleventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	April/May (2-3 weeks)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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72.	Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, second session [General Assembly resolution 55/33 D]	April-May (2 weeks)	Geneva or New York	187 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
73.	Committee against Torture, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	April/May (2 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
74.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	April/May (1 week)	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
75.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	April/May	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
76.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	April/May	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
77.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	5-9 May	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
78.	Commission on Human Settlements, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	5-9 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
79.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	6 May-18 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
80.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	12 May-27 June	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
81.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	27-30 May	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
82.	Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 55/33 U]	May (2 weeks)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
83.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, twelfth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	May (8 days)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
84.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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85.	Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolution 54/33]	May (1 week)	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
86.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	May (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
87.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests, third session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	May (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
88.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/263]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
89.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
90.	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	May (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
91.	WFP, Executive Board, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	May (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
92.	ECE, fifty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	May (4 days)	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
93.	ESCWA, Preparatory Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	May (3 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
94.	Regional seminar to review the situation in Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Second Decade on the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 55/147]	May (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
95.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
96.	ESCWA, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	May (2 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
97.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	May (1 day)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
98.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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99.	General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	May	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
100.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	May	New York	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
101.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
102.	ECA, Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	May	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
103.	ECA, twenty-sixth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-fifth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	May	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
104.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
105.	International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-seventh session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	May/June (2 weeks)	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
106.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
107.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May/June	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
108.	UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	2-6 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
109.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	2-6 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
110.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 55/443]	2-13 June	Bonn	180 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
111.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	9-20 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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112.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	16-20 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
113.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	23-27 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
114.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	25-27 June	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
115.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	30 June-25 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
116.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	30 June-25 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
117.	Committee on Contributions, sixty-third session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	June (3-4 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
118.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
119.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	June (8 days)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV[c]	One session per year
120.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
121.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	June (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
122.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	June (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
123.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-eighth session	June (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
124.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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125.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[f]	Two sessions per year
126.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
127.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	June/July (3 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session pe year
128.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
129.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (3-4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
130.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eighty-third meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
131.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	7-11 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
132.	ICSC, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	7-18 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
133.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	16-18 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
134.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	21-25 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
135.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	28 July-1 August	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
136.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 51/68]	28 July-1 August	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year

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137.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	28 July-1 August	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
138.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	28 July-12 September	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
139.	Human Rights Committee, seventy-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	July (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
140.	Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 55/33 U]	July (2 weeks)	New York	22 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
141.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session every two years
142.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	July (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
143.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
144.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
145.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
146.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	July/August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
147.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	July/August (3 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
148.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	July/August	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Date (2003)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
149. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	August (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
150. UNCTAD, meeting of governmental experts from landlocked and transit developing countries and representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions [General Assembly resolution 54/199]	August (1 week)	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
151. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, seventieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	August (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
152. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	August	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
153. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	2 September-19 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
154. UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	8-12 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
155. General Assembly, fifty-eighth session [Charter]	9 September-December	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[a]	
156. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	10-12 September	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
157. UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	15-19 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
158. UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	15-19 September	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
159. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	22-26 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year

	Organ	Date (2003)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
160.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	29 September-3 October	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
161.	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, sixth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 55/204]	September (2 weeks)	Bonn	175 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
162.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/263]	September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
163.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Privately-Financed Infrastructure Projects, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	September (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
164.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Transport Law, twelfth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	September (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
165.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), forty-ninth session	September (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year
166.	General Assembly, high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [General Assembly resolutions 53/181 and 55/193]	September (2 days)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
167.	UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
168.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	September	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
169.	Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction [article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention]	September	To be determined	83 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
170.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/ October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
171.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	September-October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
172.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eighty-fourth meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/ October	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year

	Organ	Date (2003)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
173.	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime [General Assembly resolution 55/25][h]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
174.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	Third quarter (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
175.	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	6-17 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
176.	UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
177.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
178.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	October (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
179.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	October (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
180.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	October (1week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
181.	WFP, Executive Board, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	October (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
182.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
183.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/ November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[f]	Two sessions per year
184.	Human Rights Committee, seventy-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	October/ November (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
185.	International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-eighth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	October/ November (2 weeks)	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year

	Organ	Date (2003)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
186.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/ November (2-3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
187.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	24-28 November	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
188.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
189.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
190.	Committee against Torture, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
191.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, seventy-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	November (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
192.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	November (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
193.	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	November (1 week)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
194.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
195.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
196.	Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	November (1 day)	Geneva	122 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
197.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
198.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/263]	November/ December (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	

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199.	UNDP, Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/ December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
200.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	November/ December	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
201.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	1-9 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
202.	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, ninth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 55/443]	1-12 December	Bonn	180 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
203.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	8-12 December	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
204.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	10 December	To be determined	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
205.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	15-19 December	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
206.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
207.	UNU, Council, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
208.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	December (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
209.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (3 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
210.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), fiftieth session	December (3 days)	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Four sessions per year

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211.	UNICEF, Executive Board, extraordinary budgetary session [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2 days)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
212.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
213.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75]	December (1 meeting)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
214.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
215.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, eighty-fifth meeting [Governing Council decision 13/2]	December	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
216.	UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
217.	UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
218.	UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
219.	UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
220.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
221.	UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
222.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV[f]	As required

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223.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
224.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
225.	Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
226.	Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
227.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
228.	Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
229.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
230.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
231.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
232.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
233.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
234.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
235.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
236.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
237.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
238.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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239.	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
240.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
241.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
242.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
243.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
244.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
245.	ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Geneva	55 G	To be determined	T	-	
246.	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
247.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
248.	International Law Commission, fifty-fifth session, first part [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	To be determined (10 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
249.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
250.	United Nations Forum on Forests [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/218]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
251.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva or New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

Organ		*Date (2003)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
252.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	
253.	Sixteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/221]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session every three years
254.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
255.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
256.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
257.	General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined (3 days)	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
258.	ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
259.	General Assembly, Fourth Committee, resumed session [Charter]	To be determined	New York	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
260.	General meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States [General Assembly resolution 55/15]	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	-	T	-	One session every two years
261.	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	To be determined	Geneva	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

[a] The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned, and in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

[b] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[c] For plenary meetings only.

[d] To meet in advance of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in order to prepare the draft rules of procedure for the Conference.

[e] The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/45, noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/56, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its forty-first session, had reviewed further its requirements for unedited verbatim transcripts and agreed to continue the use of those transcripts.

[f] When holding oral hearings.

[g] It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary and First Committee meetings only.

[h] To be convened not later than one year following the entry into force of the Convention.

D. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2002

Organ	*Dates (2002)*	*Location*
1. WHO, Executive Board	14-21 January	Geneva
2. ICAO, Committee	14 January-1 February	Montreal
3. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	21 January	Vienna
4. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	4-21 February	Vienna
5. ICAO, Council	18 February-15 March	Montreal
6. IFAD, Governing Council	20-21 February	Rome
7. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	February	The Hague
8. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	4-8 March	Vienna
9. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-third session	7-22 March	Geneva
10. IAEA, Board of Governors	18 March	Vienna
11. IAEA, Board of Governors	18-22 March	Vienna
12. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, seventeenth session	8-12 April	Vienna
13. Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	8-26 April	The Hague
14. ICAO, Committee	15 April-3 May	Montreal
15. ITU, Council	22 April-3 May	Geneva
16. IFAD, Executive Board	23-24 April	Rome
17. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	April	The Hague
18. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	6 May	Vienna
19. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	6-10 May	Vienna
20. WMO, Executive Council	11-22 May	Geneva
21. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-fifth session	13-17 May	Vienna
22. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-fifth session	13-18 May	Geneva
23. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	21 May-7 June	Vienna
24. ICAO, Council	21 May-14 June	Montreal
25. Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	May	The Hague

Organ	*Dates (2002)*	*Location*
26. UPU, Postal Operations Council	May	Berne
27. UNESCO, Executive Board	May/June	Paris
28. ILO, General Conference, ninetieth session	4-20 June	Geneva
29. IAEA, Board of Governors	10 June	Vienna
30. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	17-21 June	Vienna
31. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-fourth session	21 June	Geneva
32. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	June	The Hague
33. IMO, Council	June	London
34. International Seabed Authority, Assembly, eighth session	5-16 August	Kingston
35. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, eighteenth session	20-23 August	Vienna
36. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	26 August-13 September	Vienna
37. IFAD, Executive Board	4-5 September	Rome
38. IAEA, Board of Governors	9 September	Vienna
39. IAEA, General Conference	16-20 September	Vienna
40. IAEA, Board of Governors	23 September	Vienna
41. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, eighteenth session	23-27 September	Vienna
42. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	30 September-4 October	Vienna
43. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	September	The Hague
44. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva
45. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.
46. ICAO, Committee	7-25 October	Montreal
47. FAO, Council	28 October-7 November	Rome
48. UPU, Postal Operations Council	October	Berne
49. UNESCO, Executive Board	October	Paris
50. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-fifth session	7-22 November	Geneva
51. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, nineteenth session	11-15 November	Vienna
52. ICAO, Council	12 November-6 December	Montreal
53. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-sixth session	18-22 November	Vienna
54. IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	25 November	Vienna

Organ	*Dates (2002)*	*Location*
55. IAEA, Board of Governors	28 November	Vienna
56. IMO, Assembly	November	London
57. IMO, Council	November	London
58. IFAD, Executive Board	11-12 December	Rome
59. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	December	The Hague
60. Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	To be determined	Vienna

E. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2003

Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*Location*
1. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	20 January	Vienna
2. WHO, Executive Board	January	Geneva
3. ICAO, Committee	January/February	Montreal
4. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	February	Vienna
5. IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
6. ICAO, Council	February/March	Montreal
7. IAEA, Board of Governors	17 March	Vienna
8. ILO, Governing Body and its committees	March	Geneva
9. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	March	Vienna
10. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, twentieth session	April	Vienna
11. UPU, Postal Operations Council	April	Berne
12. IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
13. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	April	The Hague
14. ICAO, Committee	April/May	Montreal
15. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	5 May	Vienna
16. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, nineteenth session	5-9 May	Vienna
17. World Meteorological Congress	5-24 May	Geneva
18. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-sixth session	May	Geneva
19. Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, sixth session	May	The Hague
20. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	May-June	Vienna
21. ICAO, Council	May/June	Montreal
22. UNESCO, Executive Board	May/June	Paris
23. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board	23-27 June	Vienna
24. WMO, Executive Council	26-28 May	Geneva
25. IAEA, Board of Governors	9 June	Vienna

Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*Location*
26. ILO, General Conference	June	Geneva
27. ITU, Council	June	Geneva
28. ILO, Governing Body and its committees	June	Geneva
29. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	June	Vienna
30. IMO, Council	June	London
31. FAO, Council	June	Rome
32. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	August	The Hague
33. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, twenty-first session	August-September	Vienna
34. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	5-19 September	Vienna
35. IAEA, General Conference	8 September	Vienna
36. IAEA, Board of Governors	5-19 September	Vienna
37. IAEA, General Conference	22 September	Vienna
38. IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Rome
39. IFAD, Executive Board	September	The Hague
40. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	September/October	Geneva
41. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Washington, D.C.
42. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	October	Vienna
43. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	October	Montreal
44. ICAO, Committee	October	Berne
45. UPU, Council of Administration	October	Paris
46. UNESCO, Executive Board	October-November	Rome
47. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-first session	October/November	Paris
48. UNESCO, General Conference	24 November	Vienna
49. IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	27 November	Vienna
50. IAEA, Board of Governors	November	Geneva
51. ILO, Governing Body and its committees	November	Vienna
52. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, twenty-second session	November	Rome
53. FAO, Conference	November	Rome
54. FAO, Council		

Organ	*Dates (2003)*	*Location*
55. IMO, Council	November	London
56. IMO, Assembly	November	London
57. IMO, Council	November	London
58. ICAO, Council	November/December	Montreal
59. UNIDO, General Conference, tenth session	1-5 December	Vienna
60. IFAD, Executive Board	5-6 December	Rome
61. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council	December	The Hague
62. Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	To be determined	Vienna
63. International Seabed Authority, Assembly, ninth session	To be determined	Kingston

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